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Catholics and non-Catholics have read with such interest the unanswerable DeWald letter of that fearless and able Pennsylvania, Dr. Charles Cummings, of Williamsport, that we feel forced to print for them this week its concluding chapter, which follows:

We realize that Walker's Menace, Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine and similar publications are dishonest and disreputable exponents of religious bigotry, irresponsible disseminators of the vilest of religious slanders. Many advise that they should be ignored. That to notice them is but to advertise them. This has been the mistaken policy too long. We are forced to a realization that a vile slander, repeated over and over again without successful challenge and contradiction, ultimately and surely leaves its impression and poisonous contamination upon susceptible minds. Our special concern is not for the Catholic church. She needs no defense. The insane ravings of these bogus patriots affect her no more than do the mad waves of the ocean, the adamant rock of Gibraltar. These slanderous publications will take 10 per cent. of harmless fact, and around this will build 90 per cent. of horrible lies, and publish the whole as a vile slander against people or matters Catholic. When traced to its fountain-head and proven false, it matters not with them, they keep right on publishing it. It is therefore, we repeat, not to them we address ourselves, but to the vast number of honest people who, because of misinformation, are honestly prejudiced.

And the St. Bartholomew massacre? Here, Mr. DeWald, is an ancient lie that will not die. This unfortunate occurrence has furnished the fuel for the fiery furnace of bigotry for more than 400 years. A moral of slander that rolls most deliciously under the tongues of Walker, Watson, Sims & Co. The Catholic church was not responsible for that massacre. It was civil, not religious. A few years ago in one of our great States men elected by the great Republican party robbed the people of many millions of dollars. The Republican party of course was opposed to such a thing, and no reasonable man would accuse it of such a crime because those who claim membership in that party were the grafters. The massacre was the evil fruit of pent-up religious feeling. The Catholic church opposed it just as the Republican party opposed the pilfering of those grafters. Any Catholic who took part in that crime was a fanatic, and hence no doubt a Catholic only in name, and therefore one whom the church could not control. It is dishonest to hold the church responsible for that crime, and little short of damnable to charge that she ordered it.

I see the thought rising in your mind, Mr. DeWald, and you say to me: Dr. Cummings, I have from childhood held an entirely different opinion of the Catholic church. I have many times heard precisely the same charges that the Menace has made, and I have never until now heard them contradicted. I can readily believe this, Mr. DeWald. And further, I believe that there are at least 60,000,000 people in United States who from childhood, like you, have heard only the severest adverse criticism of the Catholic church. They have heard it slandered, vilified and lied about, but they were not to blame for not accepting these things as slander, vilifications and falsehoods, when they never saw a successful contradiction of their truth. Mr. DeWald, that has been too long the mistaken policy of those Catholics who have the ability and finesse to correct such abuse. They sat serene in their consciousness of right, paying no attention, deluded by the thought that such slanders could not be believed. It was exactly this same indifference to the abuse and slander hurled at the church, and permitted to continue unchallenged by those in authority, that so poisoned the minds as to arouse the mad passion of the "America for Americans" until it caused them to destroy Catholic life and property less than a hundred years ago. Just so have we seen this same indifference to the mad ravings of these modern Robespierres of the south of Europe. For forty years they permitted to go unchallenged these lying slanders against church and God, until a people, normally Christian, have grown raving mad, and have actually penalized their God, and exiled Him from the home of his inheritance. And this in cultured Europe, in the dawn of the twentieth century. In the very land whose people hurled back the invading Moore, and where Christianity won its first great triumph over paganism.

And finally, Mr. DeWald, I repeat that I have no hope of changing the tactics of these "journalistic" replicas of the American press" so long as they can find ignorance and prejudice to coin into gold. Having, however, dealt with snakes before, I fully realize that I can not change their stripes or prevent their vicious assaults. I can and will, however, extract their fangs, and thus neutralize the venom of their attack.

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I give you my positive assurance, Mr. DeWald, that I hold toward you no animosity whatever. I am truly sorry for you, as I look upon you as one of this villain's victims. God pity you if in your prejudices you will not forever excise this Menace poison from your heart, your hand and especially your friends.

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When washing glassware do not put it in hot water bottom first, as it is liable to crack from sudden expansion. Even delicate glass can be safely washed in hot water if slipped in edgewise.

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Socialists Propagate Evil Which Ruins Nations and Degrades Marriage.

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Not Being Done by a Chance Advertiser in Socialist Organ.

THEY PRACTICE RACE SUICIDE

Some time ago Social Democracy in Germany issued the slogan: "No children for the present State." If the slogan remained a mere phrase—as so many Socialist phrases do—one might pass it by without further comment, although it is an exhortation to race suicide, pure and simple. But the comrades are not content to permit it to remain a mere slogan. The Socialistic Fraenkische Volksfreund, appearing in Wuerzburg in Bavaria, recently published an advertisement offering unemployed comrades a "decent income" upon application to the Socialist Workingmen's Secretariate. Upon application Socialists were told that this "decent income" could be secured by selling instruments and remedies by which the number of births can be reduced.

It will readily be realized that it requires a remarkable set of ethics to designate money so obtained as a "decent income," and to encourage race suicide in this manner. And this, mind you, is being done, not by a chance, independent advertiser in a Socialist organ, but by the Socialistic Workingmen's Secretariate, a Socialistic party office, in a party organ. The Secretariate directly advises and encourages the sale of these instruments and remedies.

This instance forms a parallel to the publication, by the chief Socialist party publication office at Munich, in Bavaria, of a book on the same subject, and the advertising of it in the Socialist Post published in the city named. But the German Socialists are not much more "liberal" in their views than are their American comrades. Only a few weeks since the Socialistic St. Louis Arbeiter Zeitung (issue of August 16) contained the following advice in the nature of a reply to an inquiry from a reader:

"Mrs. L., S. 6. We have a book on sale on the subject: 'How Can I Guard Against Too Many Children?' In a healthy manner, written by an experienced practitioner. Only for adults and morally mature people of the working classes. Price twenty-five cents, thirty cents by mail. It is just about what you desire and is much cheaper than the other."
 In this manner Socialists in this country, as well as abroad, consciously and intentionally propagate this great evil which ruins nations and degrades marriage. C. B.

IN VAUDEVILLE.

Patrick G. King, well known in amateur theatrical circles, has been given a role in a one-act farce on the Keith vaudeville circuit. Pat's friends here hope he has been given an Irish character part, as he uses that brogue freely, no matter whether in a Hebrew, German, negro or any other role.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES.

With the middle of September the fire season on the national forests came practically to an end, with less damage than ever recorded. California, Arizona and New Mexico suffered most during the season. The area burned this year is about 60,000 acres, as against 250,000 acres in 1912 and 750,000 in 1911.

DESTRUCTIVE SUPFRAGETTES.

English militant suffragettes set fire early Tuesday to Seafield House at Seaforth, four miles northwest of Liverpool, causing \$400,000 damage. The members of the "arsen squad" left a quantity of suffragette literature strewn about the lawn. The building was formerly used as a convent and was undergoing reconstruction at a cost of \$130,000. It was to be turned into a hospital for invalids. The entire property is valued at \$13,000,000.

LATEST IN STYLES.

Persian effects will be seen on the new autumn gowns.

Wash frocks are best for the little girl's first days of school.

Wide moire ribbon is being used for millinery trimmings and sashes.

Inexpensive bead necklaces are much worn to complete the color scheme of a costume.

The new silks are nothing short of splendid, with their interwoven gold threads and brilliant colors.
 Wool plush, a silk and wool fabric which is pliant, is admirable for tailored suits of the elaborate type.

For a cloth dress it is often better to choose white satin or embroidered linen for the collar, rather than lace. Coarse darned net is also a good collar material.

Cloth walking dresses of ratine and whipcord are made simply, depending on a long line of buttons or braiding for decorations. Such dresses have long sleeves invariably.

EDITOR'S SAVINGS.

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